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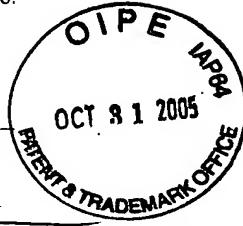
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In re application of:

Hideo NISHIJIMA et al.

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For: INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS AND INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD

Examiner: Lin Ye

Art Unit: 2615

Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 28, 2005, counsel for Assignee elects to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-2, 10-11, and 12-13) without traverse.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-324-6303.

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